

Department of Veterans Affairs

§4.117

	Rating
<p>Note: A rating of 100 percent shall continue beyond the cessation of any surgical, X-ray, antineoplastic chemotherapy or other therapeutic procedure. Six months after discontinuance of such treatment, the appropriate disability rating shall be determined by mandatory VA examination. Any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination shall be subject to the provisions of §3.105(e) of this chapter. If there has been no local recurrence or metastasis, rate on residuals.</p> <p>7628 Benign neoplasms of the gynecological system or breast. Rate according to impairment in function of the urinary or gynecological systems, or skin.</p> <p>7629 Endometriosis:</p> <p>Lesions involving bowel or bladder confirmed by laparoscopy, pelvic pain or heavy or irregular bleeding not controlled by treatment, and bowel or bladder symptoms 50</p> <p>Pelvic pain or heavy or irregular bleeding not controlled by treatment 30</p> <p>Pelvic pain or heavy or irregular bleeding requiring continuous treatment for control 10</p> <p>Note: Diagnosis of endometriosis must be substantiated by laparoscopy.</p>	

¹ Review for entitlement to special monthly compensation under §3.350 of this chapter.

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THE HEMIC AND LYMPHATIC SYSTEMS

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	Rating
<p>7700 Anemia, hypochromic-microcytic and megaloblastic, such as iron-deficiency and pernicious anemia:</p> <p>Hemoglobin 5gm/100ml or less, with findings such as high output congestive heart failure or dyspnea at rest 100</p> <p>Hemoglobin 7gm/100ml or less, with findings such as dyspnea on mild exertion, cardiomegaly, tachycardia (100 to 120 beats per minute) or syncope (three episodes in the last six months) 70</p> <p>Hemoglobin 8gm/100ml or less, with findings such as weakness, easy fatigability, headaches, lightheadedness, or shortness of breath 30</p> <p>Hemoglobin 10gm/100ml or less with findings such as weakness, easy fatigability or headaches 10</p> <p>Hemoglobin 10gm/100ml or less, asymptomatic 0</p> <p>Note: Evaluate complications of pernicious anemia, such as dementia or peripheral neuropathy, separately.</p> <p>7702 Agranulocytosis, acute:</p> <p>Requiring bone marrow transplant, or; requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once every six weeks, or; infections recurring at least once every six weeks 100</p>	

	Rating
<p>Requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once every three months, or; infections recurring at least once every three months 60</p> <p>Requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once per year but less than once every three months, or; infections recurring at least once per year but less than once every three months 30</p> <p>Requiring continuous medication for control 10</p>	

NOTE: The 100 percent rating for bone marrow transplant shall be assigned as of the date of hospital admission and shall continue with a mandatory VA examination six months following hospital discharge. Any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination shall be subject to the provisions of §3.105(e) of this chapter.

<p>7703 Leukemia:</p> <p>With active disease or during a treatment phase 100</p> <p>Otherwise rate as anemia (code 7700) or aplastic anemia (code 7716), whichever would result in the greater benefit.</p>	
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<p>7704 Polycythemia vera:</p> <p>During periods of treatment with myelosuppressants and for three months following cessation of myelosuppressant therapy 100</p> <p>Requiring phlebotomy 40</p> <p>Stable, with or without continuous medication 10</p>	
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NOTE: Rate complications such as hypertension, gout, stroke or thrombotic disease separately.

<p>7705 Thrombocytopenia, primary, idiopathic or immune:</p> <p>Platelet count of less than 20,000, with active bleeding, requiring treatment with medication and transfusions 100</p> <p>Platelet count between 20,000 and 70,000, not requiring treatment, without bleeding 70</p> <p>Stable platelet count between 70,000 and 100,000, without bleeding 30</p> <p>Stable platelet count of 100,000 or more, without bleeding 0</p> <p>7706 Splenectomy 20</p>	
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NOTE: Rate complications such as systemic infections with encapsulated bacteria separately.

<p>7707 Spleen, injury of, healed. Rate for any residuals.</p> <p>7709 Hodgkin's disease: With active disease or during a treatment phase 100</p>	
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	Rating
7710 Adenitis, tuberculous, active or inactive. Rate under §§ 4.88c or 4.89 of this part, whichever is appropriate.	
7714 Sickle cell anemia: With repeated painful crises, occurring in skin, joints, bones or any major organs caused by hemolysis and sickling of red blood cells, with anemia, thrombosis and infarction, with symptoms precluding even light manual labor	100
With painful crises several times a year or with symptoms precluding other than light manual labor	60
Following repeated hemolytic sickling crises with continuing impairment of health	30
Asymptomatic, established case in remission, but with identifiable organ impairment	10
NOTE: Sickle cell trait alone, without a history of directly attributable pathological findings, is not a ratable disability. Cases of symptomatic sickle cell trait will be forwarded to the Director, Compensation and Pension Service, for consideration under § 3.321(b)(1) of this chapter.	
7715 Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma: With active disease or during a treatment phase	100
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7716 Aplastic anemia: Requiring bone marrow transplant, or; requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once every six weeks, or; infections recurring at least once every six weeks	100
Requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once every three months, or; infections recurring at least once every three months	60
Requiring transfusion of platelets or red cells at least once per year but less than once every three months, or; infections recurring at least once per year but less than once every three months	30
Requiring continuous medication for control	10
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THE SKIN

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A veteran who VA rated under diagnostic codes 7800, 7801, 7802, 7803, 7804, or 7805 before October 23, 2008 can request review under diagnostic codes 7800, 7801, 7802, 7804, and 7805, irrespec-

tive of whether the veteran's disability has increased since the last review. VA will review that veteran's disability rating to determine whether the veteran may be entitled to a higher disability rating under diagnostic codes 7800, 7801, 7802, 7804, and 7805. A request for review pursuant to this rulemaking will be treated as a claim for an increased rating for purposes of determining the effective date of an increased rating awarded as a result of such review; however, in no case will the award be effective before October 23, 2008.

	Rating
7800 Burn scar(s) of the head, face, or neck; scar(s) of the head, face, or neck due to other causes; or other disfigurement of the head, face, or neck: With visible or palpable tissue loss and either gross distortion or asymmetry of three or more features or paired sets of features (nose, chin, forehead, eyes (including eyelids), ears (auricles), cheeks, lips), or; with six or more characteristics of disfigurement	80
With visible or palpable tissue loss and either gross distortion or asymmetry of two features or paired sets of features (nose, chin, forehead, eyes (including eyelids), ears (auricles), cheeks, lips), or; with four or five characteristics of disfigurement	50
With visible or palpable tissue loss and either gross distortion or asymmetry of one feature or paired set of features (nose, chin, forehead, eyes (including eyelids), ears (auricles), cheeks, lips), or; with two or three characteristics of disfigurement ...	30
With one characteristic of disfigurement	10
Note (1): The 8 characteristics of disfigurement, for purposes of evaluation under § 4.118, are:	
Scar 5 or more inches (13 or more cm.) in length.	
Scar at least one-quarter inch (0.6 cm.) wide at widest part.	
Surface contour of scar elevated or depressed on palpation.	
Scar adherent to underlying tissue.	
Skin hypo- or hyper-pigmented in an area exceeding six square inches (39 sq. cm.).	
Skin texture abnormal (irregular, atrophic, shiny, scaly, etc.) in an area exceeding six square inches (39 sq. cm.).	
Underlying soft tissue missing in an area exceeding six square inches (39 sq. cm.).	
Skin indurated and inflexible in an area exceeding six square inches (39 sq. cm.).	